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DATABASE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has a database of private educational institutions ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such institutions are found to have evaded tax;

(d) if so, details thereof for the last three years;

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to recover tax arrears and punish the guilty in connection with tax evasion by such private educational institutions; and

(f) achievements made there from ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANTMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) The Income-Tax Department does not maintain a centralized database on an All- India basis in respect of private educational institutions.

(c)&(d) Instances of tax evasion by private educational institutions have come to the notice of the Department during the course of searches, surveys and scrutiny of Income Tax Returns. The quantum of tax evaded by such institutions is ascertainable only after due process of law, including Appellate Tribunals and/or Courts, is completed, which may take several years.

(e) & (f) After additional tax demand is raised during the assessment proceedings, appropriate action is taken under the Income Tax Act, 1961 to recover the outstanding demand. This action is taken by the Assessing Officers and Tax Recovery Officers stationed all over the country. The Department does not maintain any centralized information base of such action taken in respect of private educational institutions.